

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 8-201.6 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-201.6 new)

7 Sec. 8-201.6. Waiver of deposit; victims of domestic
8 violence. For the purposes of this Section, "domestic violence"
9 means abuse by a family or household member, as "abuse" and
10 "family or household members" are defined in Section 103 of the
11 Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

12 A utility shall waive the utility's initial credit and
13 deposit requirements for a period of 60 days for a residential
14 customer or applicant who is a victim of domestic violence. To
15 be eligible for the waiver under this Section, the domestic
16 violence must be certified by treating medical personnel, law
17 enforcement personnel, a State's Attorney, the Attorney
18 General, or a domestic violence shelter. The certification
19 letter must be printed on the certifying entity's letterhead or
20 accompanied by a letter on the certifying entity's letterhead
21 that identifies the certifying individual.